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Elizabeth Bayley Seton was the first American-born canonized saint in the Roman Catholic Church. She was the foundress of the American Sisters of Charity and is credited with starting the parochial school system in the United States. Coming from a Protestant background, converting to Catholicism, and becoming a co-worker with John Carroll in the formative years of the Catholic Church in the new republic, she was one of the most influential Catholic women in the early nineteenth-century. Elizabeth Seton's writings offer a rich insight into her life and her times. Her spirituality and deep personal relationships as well as the detail of her life as widow, convert, single mother, educator, and religious are revealed in hundreds of letters, personal journals, meditations, and instructions to the sisters, some never before published.

The thirteen religious congregations which comprise the Sisters of Charity Federation have undertaken the publication of the complete corpus of Seton writings. Documents have, to date, been located in fifteen repositories in the United States and Canada. Their publication will provide rich source material for those interested in religious history, women's history, and the history of religious life as well as those with a special interest in Elizabeth Seton herself.

As a step in the publication of the writings, an annotated list of the holdings in each repository will be published in several issues of *Vincentian Heritage*. The first installment contained listings from all archives of the Sisters of Charity and the Daughters of Charity except Saint Joseph Provincial House in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The second installment included listings from all non-Sister/Daughter of Charity repositories, and began the listing from Saint Joseph Provincial House, the repository for the largest collection of Seton writings. Subsequent installments, including number five, continue in documenting the entire listing from Saint Joseph. We hope those interested will find this material helpful, and we invite additions to, or comments on, these listings. Send your comments to Judith Metz, S.C., 5900 Delhi Rd.,

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List of Abbreviations

ASJPH Archives of Saint Joseph Provincial House, Emmitsburg, MD

Documents from the Archives of Saint Joseph Provincial House Emmitsburg, Maryland

Letter from Elizabeth Seton to Her Son, William Seton

November 20, 1814. To her son, William Seton, at Mount Saint Mary. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:1.

The Bishop [Carroll] has replied despite work pressure because he knew William's anxiety over the naval appointment. The political chaos excludes a reply, but she will pursue matter with Mr. Harper who is coming soon. Trust and wait for his moment. Love to Richard. [signed] Your own Mother.

November 25, 1814. To her son, William Seton, at Mount Saint Mary. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:2.

Loving birthday wish. Thank Carrol (sic) for loan of lantern. Love to Richard. Josephine sends picture and *both* (Catherine and Rebecca) warmest love.

February 16, 1815. To her son, William Seton, at [Leghorn]. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:3.

Earnest hope he is working under Filicchi guidance. Has heard Peace is declared [War of 1812]; prays equally for the American and British. Bec is dead ten days. Sends prayers to her friends, has Masses said for Mr. F. She will send Bec's books for "the girls." This letter returned [no date] and dispatched again.

We are all well — My very soul to go in this letter
Thursday evening February 16, 1815

February 12, 1815. To her son, William Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:4.

They say you are still in Baltimore. I hope you are enjoying delight at sea. Bec, Jos and I all talk of you.

Sunday evening — just from our Mountain; read your letter to Richard. Be kind to Mme. Chatard, Mr. Bruté. Remember me to all who are kind to you.

July 29, 1815. To her son, William Seton [at Leghorn]. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:5.

A long, warm account sent to William on one vessel, those of Rebecca and Josephine in another. Has learned of his difficult overland trip from Bordeaux to Leghorn. Reminds him of the debt the Setons owe the Filicchis, and begs him to be accommodating in new surroundings. Write to Richard, to Mr. Bruté. Love to Filicchis. All at home send Love.

August 4, 1815. To her son, William Seton [at Leghorn]. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:6.

Wrote to him and both Filicchis last week. His letter opened with great joy by Jos, Bec and herself. Richard still with Boarman [at Mount]; will study another year. Hopes his "American" heart does his duties with good grace. Promises to write thanks to his New York friends; tells him to write Mr. Bruté [still abroad].

[n.d., 1812]. To her son, William Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:7.

Short note telling of William's and Anina's illnesses. Deeply concerned about both of them.

[n.d.]. To her son, William Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:8.

Encouragement to William to learn well at school to please his Papa, who sends love as does Anna and your own Mother.

[n.d., 1818 or 1819]. To her son, William Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:9.

Reminds him to be a good Man — an "Honour" to religion. She and Kit just finished dinner. All the sisters, especially "Sus" send love.

Be kind to all who helped: write to Mr. Bruté.

[n.d., 1815 or 1816]. To her son, William Seton [at Leghorn]. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:10.

Just heard of vessel leaving from Washington. Has written often in hopes some letter arrives. They speak often of him. News from Europe extravagant, but hopes his Leghorn stay is beneficial. Richard still with Boarman. No news from New York. Love and respect to Filicchis.

October 9, 1815. To her son, William Seton[at Leghorn]. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:11.

Great joy at receiving two letters from him, one from Philip F. Tells. William to take up grandfather Seton's motto "Hazard it forward." Reminds him their debt to Filicchi's goes far back in Seton family. Josephine will tell of Sisters love for him.

[n.d.]. To her son, William Seton [at Leghorn]. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:12.

She cannot write until she hears further from him. Josephine and Rebecca also wait. Rose [S. Rose White?] has made him pantaloons.

November 25, 1815. To her son, William Seton [at Leghorn]. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:13.

"The birthday of my Soul's darling" after the date.

His mentioned letters have not come. Mr. Bruté also disappointed by losing many letters. Rebecca back from Philadelphia [for medical consultation] full of her adventures. A steamboat passenger who knew her aunt Mary Bayley [Post], her grandfather Bayley, and her father spoke to her. Dick coming home and all four will speak of him. She has not heard from the Filicchis.

March 18, 1816. To her son, William Seton [at Leghorn]. ASHPH 1-3-3-9:14.

This will go with a gentleman en route to the Mountain, who will tell Richard to write also. Now engaged in launching Richard — has

spoken with Mr. Tiernan and Mr. Barry [Baltimore]. Prefers not to send Richard to New York. Edward Post [Mary Bayley and Wright Post's son] is dead — parents in grief. Mr. Bertrand has forwarded her a letter for him. Rebec and Josephine in retreat. Nineteen First Communions on Saint Joseph's day. Rebecca in less pain — her tumor broke. Mr. Dubois promises to write. Mr. William Raborg died suddenly. [signed] Your own Mother.

April 3, 1816. To her son, William Seton [at Leghorn]. ASHPH 1-3-3-9:15.

Distressed that so few letters get to him. Sends packages every month for Baltimore shipment, but never knows the vessel. Bec and Kit pray for him. Richard eager to be off — may go to Elders grocery in Baltimore. She hopes not and knows William will not like it, but thinks the Ogdens [New York family branch] will not take him, having been so mean to her as a young convert. Love to Filicchi's - happy Mr. F. [Philip?] is recovering. Make a good Easter communion.

April 9, 1816. To her Son William Seton [at Leghorn]. ASHPH 1-3-3-9:16.

Grieves that their letters do not reach him, no matter how sent. Sisters in Philadelphia and children pray for him. Rumor that Captain White [Sr. Rose's husband] has been prisoner in Algiers and is coming home; son Charles delighted. Richard disappointed in Baltimore job; will study Latin at the Mount. Regrets her letters to Filicchi's never arrived.

June 10, 1816. To her son, William Seton [at Leghorn]. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:17.

Sent letter yesterday to catch New York sailing; has a chance to send another today. Bec well enough to go to schoolroom, Kit is eating strawberries, Richard at Mr. Tiernan's [Baltimore]. Wants to hear of Mr. Philip's health.

Assumption [August 15, 1816?]. To her son, William Seton [at Leghorn]. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:18.

Bec is suffering; can rest only in Mother's arms. Very patient. His last letter dated May 30.

September 4, 1816. To her son, William Seton [at Leghorn]. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:19.

She has written him "in all directions"; is grieving over Bec, dying in great pain. No letter from him; Richard still with Tiernan's; Kit at home.

October 14, 1816. To her son, William Seton [at Leghorn]. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:20.

Has sent letters by way of New York through young merchant (?) Gottsberger, but ship has not sailed. Mr. Bruté brought Dr. Chatard to see Bec and brought his letters of July 26 and 29. Dr. Chatard says Bec will die shortly. She speaks constantly of "my Willy." Kit is well; Richard longs to be with him. Bec wants to send him story books for the Filicchi children. Aunt Scott has sent her a new set.

November 11, 1816. To her son, William Seton [at Leghorn]. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:21.

Regrets she will not be with him when he learns of Rebecca's death. Your last letter arrived the day before she died. She was nine weeks in her Mother's arms day and night, and died there. Everyone kind and thoughtful. Condolences on Philip Filicchi's death. [page missing]

Letters from Elizabeth Seton to Her Daughter, Anna Marie Seton (Elizabeth Seton often referred to her as Annina, a diminutive probably adapted from the Filicchis during the Italian stay)

August 10, 1803. To her daughter, Annina Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:22.

A small instruction to a little girl to learn to do her duty and strive for Heaven.

Tuesday evening [n.d.]. To her daughter, Annina Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:23.

Note to tell child to enjoy the upcoming family visit.

October 16, 1805. To her daughter, Annina Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:24.

Thanks child for her note. Suggests she return to continue her lessons. Kit and Bec send a kiss.

[n.d.]. To her daughter, Annina Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:25.

Tells the child to trust and to surrender to God's love.

August and May, 1803. To her daughter, Annina Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:26.

Her personal copy book, begun at fifteen to please her father she now thinks of enlarging for her children. All knowledge should lead to God. As mistress of a family, she has little time for devotional reading, but urges her daughter to read to develop a well-ordered mind.

Tuesday morning, April 16 [1810]. To her daughter, Annina Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:27.

If you are to see Cecilia before death, ask Mrs. B. [Annina is at the Robert Barry residence?] to bring you *at 4* [Mother Seton, S. Susan and Cecilia at George Weiss' home.]

[Cecilia's death noted in *Rose White Journal*, April 29-30, 1810]

July 23, 1806. To her daughter, Annina Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:28.

Do not fret over two-day separation. Annina must be model for her little sisters, companion to her Mother. Hopes "Mrs. B. and poor Nancy are better." [Annina is at the *James Barry's*?] Look to Mr. Hurley in the place of God.

Letters from Elizabeth Seton to Her Daughter, Rebecca Seton

June [n.d.]. To her daughter, Rebecca Seton "at Mr. Duhamel's house." [first Emmitsburg home of Sisters]. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:41a.

Tells the little girl she will see her soon. Love to "dear Su" [S. Susan Clossy]. Be good.

[n.d.]. To her daughter, Rebecca Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:41b.

She will go to the Mount only on Vesper and Benediction days. Love to her and Richard.

Sunday evening [n.d.]. To her daughter, Rebecca Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:41c.

Be good; Annina says this too. Looks forward to her return.

[n.d.]. To her daughter, Rebecca Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:41d.

Blessing to you, Sus [S. Susan Clossy] and Dick. Hope to see you tomorrow.

[n.d.]. To her daughter, Rebecca Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:42a.

Go [to Holy Communion?] either Thursday or Sunday with the rest, but prepare well.

[n.d., probably 1814]. To her daughter, Rebecca Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:42b.

Pray for her; sends support to child in pain. May *all* 5 be blessed.

February 6, 1814. To her daughter, Rebecca Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:42c.

Love and Peace.

Octave of Epiphany, 1814 Eternity. To her daughter, Rebecca Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:42d.

Yes, go [to Holy Communion?] if you obtain permission. Tomorrow Mother will pray *to prepare you well*.

[n.d.]. To her daughter, Rebecca Seton [in Baltimore]. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:42e.

A thousand blessings, William and Dick both at harvest. Brought three [live] rabbits for you.

July 5, 1812. To her daughter, Rebecca Seton [in Baltimore]. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:42f.

Be good and grateful to Mme. Chatard. The girls will tell you news; little Wzee licks my hand.

Tuesday [n.d., 1812]. To her daughter, Rebecca Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:42g.

Your Baltimore Mother, Mme. Chatard will regulate all; be obedient and happy. Boys and Josephine send love.

September 25, Monday [1815] (first of four days of entries covering Rebecca's journey to Philadelphia). ASJPH 1-3-3-9:43.

Watched until the carriage disappeared in the woods. Mrs. Scott [from Philadelphia] arrived too late to bring you. At Angelus, Tene was with Jos instead of you.

Tuesday

A pious recollection of the child and prayers for a good Doctor's visit.

Wednesday night

To bed, tired after mountain walk. You are safe with Sister Rose.

Thursday morning

News that William must travel overland to Leghorn [from Bordeaux]. He met a friend of Rebecca's father in Marseilles.

Evening

News of Rebecca's safety and steamboat journey. Thanks Aunt Scott and Cauffman family.

Friday morning. Saint Michael.

Mountains and valleys of all from all.

[*n.d.*, 1815]. *To her daughter, Rebecca Seton [in Philadelphia]. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:44.*

Many letters for her; answer little Caroline's — she is anxious. Sending Rebecca William's letters — guard them. Be grateful for care given by Rose [White], Fanny [Jordan], Teresa [Conroy] and Julia [Shirk]. Dick has not arrived. Love to Aunt Scott. [page cut off]

Thursday, October 27, 1815. To her daughter, Rebecca Seton [in Philadelphia]. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:45.

Remember our Brother [Bruté]. He has sent letters and packages, one containing a doll from Due.

Mr. McCarty has left his little girl who is fat, healthy and spoiled. Be good and obedient. Love to Rose, Fanny, Teresa, and Julia. Tell Rose that Charles is well, tell Fanny the cold weather improves her Father. Love to Aunt Scott and girls.

[*n.d.*, 1816?]. *To her daughter, Rebecca Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:47a.*

Hopes to see her on Easter Sunday. Prays for her during vigil [Holy Thursday?], the anniversary of William's departure. Saw you with Richard and Sister Susan on hill — never mind how.

[*n.d.*]. *To her daughter, Rebecca Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:47b.*

Pious thought to stir Rebecca to trust in God.

[*n.d.*]. *To her daughter, Rebecca Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:47c.*

Serene note describing a Sunday morning to Rebecca. Some little girls writing letters to her.

[N.B. 1-3-3-9:47c is part of 1-3-3-9:55b to Catherine Josephine.]

Sunday Morning, April [n.d., 1816]. To her daughter, Rebecca Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:47e.

She is enjoying the day. She comments on how much some of the children from the school love Rebecca.

Letter from Elizabeth Seton to Her Son, Richard Seton

[October 1803]. To her son, Richard Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:47f.

She admonishes him to be a good boy. Pray every night and morning and your mother and father will pray for you. Papa and mama send you a kiss.

Letters From Elizabeth Seton To Her Daughter, Catherine Josephine Seton

[June 1817]. To her daughter, Catherine Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:47c.

Madame Ducass is leaving tomorrow and takes your frock with her. She (Elizabeth) reports that she is well and peaceable. She wishes her daughter happiness.

March 9, 1810. To her daughter, Catherine Josephine Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:48a.

Josephine refused the privilege of Communion on the upcoming Sunday. Rebecca also reproved.

[Not in Elizabeth Seton's hand, the note states that the children had quarreled.]

[n.d., 1815]. To her daughter, Catherine Josephine Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:48c.

She is always available to her daughter.

[June 28] 1813. To her daughter, Catherine Josephine Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:49a.

A birthday prayer to Catherine to renew good resolution and to be good to Rebecca.

February 6, 1814. To her daughter, Catherine Josephine Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:49d.

A prayerful note to the girl.

Tuesday [June, 1817]. To her daughter, Catherine Josephine Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:55b.

Newsy comments to Catherine [in Baltimore, late spring 1816?]. Dick's letters delightful.

Wednesday

Your frock will go tomorrow. Love to Mme. Chatard. All well except S. Johanna who fell.

Friday [1817]. To her daughter, Catherine Josephine Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:55c.

J. Roach took your bundle yesterday. Full Benediction. Superior requests Catherine to choose *his carpet*. Eliza [Catherine's student?] very devoted.

Letters and Notes to Her Husband, William Magee Seton

[n.d.]. To William Magee Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:66a.

These are truly models of light innocent writings.

[n.d.]. To William Magee Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:66b.

She will be dutiful and visit Mrs. Dwight [?] this afternoon, and Mrs. Wilkes in the evening where he can see her.

[n.d.]. To William Magee Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:66c.

She is well and would be happy to see him, she hopes, tomorrow.

[n.d.]. To William Magee Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:66d.

Mrs. Sadler not going to concert, and wishes to see *us* there [Sadler's home]. Do not be late.

[n.d.]. To William Magee Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:67a.

Her eye ugly not painful. She can not go out, so he must come early.

[n.d.]. To William Magee Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:67b.

She will be at Mr. Atkinson's — at the piano.

[n.d.]. To William Magee Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:68.

Her father has eaten and gone until evening. She wants his good opinion of William. Will be in Wall Street at five o'clock.

[n.d., 1801]. To William Magee Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:69.

Sends brush and comb which she forgot. Children cannot understand that Papa is away.

Letters of Elizabeth Seton to Her Father, Dr. Richard Bayley

Tuesday, March 24 [1799], 2:00 o'clock. To Dr. Richard Bayley. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:70.

Reminds her father of his constant welcome to Stone Street.

[n.d., 1799?]. To Dr. Richard Bayley. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:71.

Enigmatic note and references. Confesses she spends time "running upstairs to the spyglass" [catching sight of father in Staten Island?]. Suggests Emma [her oldest half-sister] be invited to Staten Island.

March 26 [n.d.]. To Dr. Richard Bayley. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:72.

Chatty note. Mr. Olive near death for four days, is better. Vessel Minera arrived in 30 days. Birds strong and sweet — early spring. Internal note, Thursday morning, March 26 [no year]. Corner of sofa vacant [His spot?]. A gift of cheese for him to be sent on.

[n.d., 1800]. To Dr. Richard Bayley. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:73.

Kate better, all awaiting him. The Shadan (?) arrived, thanks.

Saturday morning, 12 o'clock [n.d.]. To Dr. Richard Bayley. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:74.

All inquiring for him. Children delighted at promise of going to see Grand Papa. She and Rebecca will eat one Duck each [?] assuming he sent them for that intention.

Saturday morning, 10 o'clock [n.d.]. To Dr. Richard Bayley. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:75.

She is annoyed at bad weather. Question whether the captain who is to take the Dear [vessel?] will come to the Custom House.

[n.d.]. To Dr. Richard Bayley. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:76.

Had hoped the good weather might have brought him to visit. An arrival from Cork [vessel?] but no letters. Seton says a ship arrived this morning — had left Plymouth the 5th, reports the King near death; Mr. Pitt will not surrender his office. [Bruté has written on outside "Some letters from M. Bayley, her father — see his name in *Encyclopedia American*."

Thursday morning, 10 o'clock [n.d.]. To Dr. Richard Bayley. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:77.

The weather discourages her chance of seeing him today. Captain Leader, in vessel owned by Mr. Hurtin, bound for Port au Prince, will call for the Deers [?]. You will provide hay and corn for them, and share in sale proceeds. Would love to see him.

February 13, 1797. To Dr. Richard Bayley. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:78.

Her apology to him. Her husband, son and daughter well. Longs to see him.

Talk that Soap Boilers and Tallow Chandlers will petition Legislature to remove the Health Officer.

February 2, 1799. To Dr. Richard Bayley. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:79.

If he is relaxed, he will smile at this, if busy he will skim it. Currently reported that you have gone to New London to study the origin of "the Fever"; thence to Boston to see your children. She hopes he will soon return to make people realize he is studying the remedy of the Fever not the origin. Has spent a quiet evening, culling passages for her daughter. Peace to him.

February 24, 1799. To Dr. Richard Bayley. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:80.

His letter so delighted her that her French guest, Mme. Olive, praised her and confided her son to Elizabeth's care. She will return the compliment by letting William stay with Mme. Olive next summer. Praises her father's strengths, and comments on friends who praise her serenity, not knowing the volatility she controls. All is well. Verse follows, no indication of originality.

September 10, 1799. To Dr. Richard Bayley. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:81.

[Addresses him] Very Dear Mr. Monitor. Delighted that he is well; her prayers follow him as he ministers. Was thrilled to hear a French physician refer to the Monitor [Health publication of Dr. Bayley?] as the best paper on the cause of yellow fever. He could not fancy better grandchildren, but *Richard* is center of all. Sends remembrance to Helen [Bayley – youngest half sister?]. His old friend "Mrs. Juliana" is with her.

February 12, 1800. To Dr. Richard Bayley. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:82.

His letter restored her spirits — has been deeply engaged in her husband's mercantile correspondence. Is delighted he is away, but wants him back. Mr. Sitgreaves [Julia Scott's father?] thinks men of

"active genius" should never stay longer than a month in one place, but he [Mr. Sitgreaves] savors the comforts of home. He regrets having missed you. The children well.

Thursday, February 20, 1800. To Dr. Richard Bayley. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:83.

Sending letter by Mrs. Governour who goes to Albany tomorrow. Her little friend [?] (clear to her father)] spent time with her, trying to pull herself together. Mary Post determined to help girl. She sends father worthwhile reading from Peter [?]. Her father's calm spirit is guiding her. Wright Post just left.

March 4, 1800. To Dr. Richard Bayley. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:84.

My Father [salutation]. Has been thinking about him this past hour. Our little friend [?], yesterday a sufferer, has responded to the remedy he suggested and Post delivered. She is with Mary Post today and they will ride tomorrow. Hopes he has got back as far as Croten, with heaven giving him a safe and comfortable journey.

March 12, 1800. To Dr. Richard Bayley. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:85.

She is delighted that he has returned safely and in so cheerful a mood — like a child on holiday. Little Helen very happy at school; her teacher wrote for permission for her to take dancing lessons. Has seen Patty [Mary Post's servant?] but not her mistress. Streets impassible with heavy snow. Has been copying English and French letters until weary. Mr. S. sends remembrance.

[n.d., early 1801? Bruté so indicates]. To Dr. Richard Bayley. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:86.

My dear dear Father — Has not written because she wants to talk with him. Health poor this winter, but is improving. Thinks of death and leaving "her fine darlings," but at peace. [Pregnant with Rebecca, she includes husband and 4 children.]

March 1, 1801. To Dr. Richard Bayley. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:87.

At peace after an exhausting week. Mary Seton Wilkes [first wife of John] was buried this evening. Wilkes thanks him for his care of Mary. Anticipates his return next week. Rebecca away sharing [Eliza Maitland's] trouble. Little Catherine cutting teeth. English packet arrived. French near Vienna; emperor sued for peace. Quarantine at Staten Island for a brig from Malaga.

March 13 [1801], Thursday night, 10 o'clock. To Dr. Richard Bayley. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:88.

A mutual friend [?] is in better spirits after a ride and a talk. This a short letter because the Olives visited yesterday and Doux [Mrs. Duplex] today, and she has three business letters due for tomorrow's post. Has had one letter from him in eleven days and hopes for more. Seton reports a great number of West Indian vessels sent to [Bayley's] hospital. The Olives inquire if the Quakers have joined against the Health Officer, and Mr. Olive wonders if man's thinking has not upset physical and moral balance [?]. [Abrupt ending]

April 2, 1801, 10 o'clock. To Dr. Richard Bayley. ASJPH 1-3-3-9:89.

Little Kate is launched and will soon bring "wished for" visitor [?]. Seton expects good news from Europe within two weeks.

Letters from Mother Seton to the Filicchis

July 19, 1804-April 14, 1805. Journal for Amabilia Filicchi. ASJPH 1-3-3-10:3a.

Elizabeth fondly remembers her experiences of Catholicism in Italy. She recounts her struggle to make a decision about entering the Catholic Church. She prays and the children coax her to say the Hail Mary. She recounts her routine of life as well as her spiritual struggles. She describes for Amabilia the crisis of faith which led her to decide to become a Catholic, her profession of faith, her first confession, and her first communion in the Catholic church.

[after January 6, 1805]. To Philip Filicchi. ASJPH 1-3-3-10:6.

She describes the struggle she is going through regarding her decision to enter the Catholic church. She has read many authors but without conviction. She has tried to see the Catholic priest and has written to Bishop Carroll but is unable to make a decision. She has given herself up to prayer and trusts in God.

December 4, 1806. To Antonio Filicchi. ASJPH 1-3-3-10:32.

She is satisfied with her present situation, in spite of the criticism and opposition of some relatives and former friends. Even the boys in her school (New York) have lost some respect for her since they hear talk at home. Mr. Dubourg still favors her going to Canada. Bishop Carroll has paid a sum for her boys' education and they are happy at the college. She tells about the mob in New York attempting to burn down their church. She asks for his prayers.

November 2, 1807. To Philip Filicchi. ASJPH 1-3-3-10:36.

She will not be going to Canada, a disappointment but accepted with apparent contentment. Her greatest happiness is the reception of Holy Communion at least three times a week. New conversions happen often, some of which get more attention, like Mr. Cooper and Mrs. Montgomery. She thanks him for the gowns which should last through several winters.

[May 22, 1810]. To Antonio Filicchi. ASJPH 1-3-3-10:40.

Since he has ordered her to call upon him if necessary, she is doing just that. She has received one thousand dollars in gold from a Reverend Mr. Zocchy who is traveling to Italy. Will he (Antonio) please pay the same amount to Reverend Zocchy when he arrives in Italy.

December 20, 1814. To Antonio Filicchi. ASJPH 1-3-3-10:41.

She writes a request that her son William may join the Filicchi business and live with the family in Italy. He wants to enlist in the army or navy, but she fears for his salvation. William will go with Mr. Bruté to France where he will await further word from the Filicchis.

She begs Antonio to accept William. Richard is still in school so his case is not pressing. She also needs to draw out \$400 from Murray and Sons for Williams' journey. She sends love to each of the Filicchi family.

December 20, 1814. To Antonio Filicchi. ASJPH 1-3-3-10:42.

(Identical to #41 above)

[1815]. To Antonio Filicchi. ASJPH 1-3-3-10:43.

She introduces Reverend Mr. Bruté to the Filicchis. He has uncommon piety, learning, and excellent qualifications. She considers him, along with the Filicchis, her truest friend in God.

Letter from Elizabeth Seton to Mary Post

[n.d.]. Extract from a Letter To Mary Post [from a copy]. ASJPH 1-3-3-11:28.

Having experienced a sudden and terrible storm the night before, she muses that the coming of death must be like that. She watched the moon after the storm and decided that God must be like that, watching them all quietly.

Letter from Elizabeth Seton to Julia Scott

August 19, 1819. To Julia Scott (Elizabeth Seton added pp. 2-3 to a letter to Julia written by Catherine Seton). ASJPH 1-3-3-11:B55.

She is happy that Catherine is peaceful and content doing her duty to her mother, and improving her own little endowments. She asks Julia not to send her usual bounty because there is no necessity for it. She is grateful for her support and for the support of the Filicchis all these years.

Letters from Elizabeth Seton to Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté

[January 6, 1815]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:30.

On this day of the Epiphany she recalls 1805 when she was struggling to find God. How she wanted to share her thoughts with a priest so she wrote to Bishop Cheverus in Boston. He responded with a beautiful prayer.

January 1, 1815. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:31.

She comments on his recent sermon delivered with few faults in English. He has spoken with a "hard countenance" one week and as an angel of peace another. She wishes he could hear the Community's words of praise. She tells about the Setons' mistreatment of Cecilia when she wanted to become a Catholic. As for herself, an uncle had willed her only \$1000, but she never received it; nor did she receive another legacy from a wealthy New York friend once the friend heard of her conversion.

[n.d.]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:32.

She is grateful for all he did to help carry her through a difficult time. Now she is calm and at peace.

September 22, 1812. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:33.

"On the Grave of Anina." A prayer for pity and begging for mercy for her daughter Annina's soul. She sees a snake on the grave and questions where her soul is.

Saint Francis De Sales [January 29] [n.d.]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:34.

He must have opportunities of merit which can be martyrdom in ways he had never calculated. She is doing the will of God, but sitting and smiling to all who come can be dangerously pleasing.

[n.d.]. *To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:34b.*

"The Death of Sister Benedicta (Corish)." She loves the rules with their "bridle of gold" and "reins of silk."

Saturday afternoon [January 5, 1814]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:35.

She describes the condition of Sister Benedicta (Corish), dying slowly and painfully. She (Elizabeth) has been with her continually. Rebecca (daughter of Elizabeth) is praying for her and wondering how she can give her plenary indulgence to the dying sister.

[n.d.]. *To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:36.*

The Divine Baby has been more present to her than her own babies in years past. Only sin can cloud over such delight.

[n.d.]. "Peace — abandon." *To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:36a.*

She wishes him peace.

1814. "Eternity." *To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:37.*

How foolish her heart as in a storm dreamt.

[n.d.]. "Alas the partitions of this world." *To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:38.*

By day and by night, she keeps her heart toward the tabernacle as the needle points to the pole. She has little right to do so, but He is so indulgent.

[n.d.]. "How are they loved" plus a note. *To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:39.*

She gives a poem of seven stanzas in praise of the Blessed Sacrament. She comments on the final verses which petition God to rule

over all. She adds a note about her joy over seeing her two sons serve Mass.

[n.d.]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:40.

A reflection on her desire to love God and on her shortcomings.

[n.d.]. "Transfiguration." To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:41.

Ma Farrell reported to her that she had caused dissipation at 3 o'clock when instead of the adoration prayer she recited the Angelus. She (Elizabeth) has been trying to encourage Sister Betsy to take over the instruction of the novices. Sister Betsy possesses such a pure, heavenly spirit.

[n.d.]. "The poor Miss Yates." To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:42.

A Miss Yates wants to leave the school for fear of becoming a Catholic, fearing that her sister would die of distress.

[n.d.]. Quotations from "Holy Court." To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:43.

She writes a series of quotes from a book, *Holy Court*. Her topics include enmity, forgiveness, patience, and pardon.

[n.d.]. "Nothing in our state." To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12-44.

An exuberant reflection on her unutterable feelings of love of God.

[n.d.]. "Your poor old Mrs. Lindsey." To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:45.

She has shown Mrs. Lindsey the picture of the Redeemer, as well as one of the Pope.

[n.d.]. "Eve of Hosanna." To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:46.

She describes the pain of the dying Cecilia — the pain of her heart as she thinks of the goodness of God and her own ingratitude. As for herself (Elizabeth) she contrasts her own unworthy heart with Cecilia's.

[n.d.]. "My precious Communion." To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:47.

A communion reflection on how God welcomes the poor and desolate. She exhorts herself to do the will of God.

[August 1817]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:48.

She tells about the arrival of Mary Elizabeth Wagner, a convert from Lutheranism, who came to the place where she could have church every day. She told the sisters that she had lived 30 years without church or sacraments but not of her own fault. Mother Seton added that perhaps she had done the same but possibly it had been her fault.

[n.d.]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:49.

She speaks of the new building as being "bad business," but the Superior had ordered it and they must trust in God.

6 o'clock after morning meditation [n.d.]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:50.

She has much she would like to say, but she sees him go to his duties as president, that is, to his will of the present moment. She has little time except to write the meditation. She tries to meet everybody in the grace of the moment, comforted by the thought of having made her intention.

[1816]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:51.

This is a feigned conversation between the devil and a good angel. The devil tells Bruté that his new position (as president of Mount Saint

Mary's) will provide many distractions and he will be plunged into the labyrinths of science. The good angel, replies that Bruté will have many choices to make and these hard choices will free his soul to return to the Lord with greater ardor.

Recreation [1816?]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:52.

Rebecca has asked why people do not love God; it is a mystery to her. She (Elizabeth) often has felt the same way but has recalled the infinite goodness and mercy of God.

[May 5, 1816]. St. Joseph's Patronage. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:53.

Describes her daughter Bec's suffering, and her disposition of prayer during it.

Rogation Monday [May 20, 1816]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:54.

Tells of conversation with her daughter Rebecca regarding her suffering and her disposition toward it.

Sunday the Leper [September 2, 1816]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:55.

She read his letter to Bec and Cecilia before 3 o'clock adoration, then read to Rebecca a passage on agility in eternity. They laughed on thinking of Bruté's agility now and how perfected it would be in heaven. Rebecca longs for eternity and hopes that Bruté will come when she is dying. She is resigned to God's will as she hopes and prays he is, too.

[n.d.]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:56.

Speaks of her *Te Deum* asking God to "save thy people."

Good Shepherd Sunday [n.d.]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:57.

Speaks of her unworthiness to receive Communion, comparing herself to a dog.

[n.d.]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:58a.

Rebecca has been buried next to Anina. Jos (Catherine) prayed to be laid beside her rather than offend, and she (Elizabeth) could think only "Te Deum."

All Saints Eve of the Octave [October 31, 1817]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:58b.

Mass and even a violet cover Rebecca's grave, which they all visited. She looks forward to Communion on next three days.

[October 1816?]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:59.

Rebecca is dying. When she sleeps through the time of Mass, she goes "to the Brothers' Mass." Rebecca wants Bruté's picture where she can see it from her bed.

Sunday [n.d.]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:60.

Speaks of her own death and of how much good Bruté can do by staying with God.

[n.d.]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:61.

She has helped an old dying woman in her final moments. Old Mrs. Wyse has come for Communion, and Ma Farrell is behind the curtain telling "her miseries."

Saint Peter and Saint Paul, June 29, 1816. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:62.

Rebecca sits in her chair most of the night, but considers that she

is indulging herself too much. In a paragraph written in French she declares her unworthiness, but her hope in God gives her courage.

[n.d.]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:63.

All the Sisters are praying for Bruté; they will never forget him.

[n.d.]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:64.

She looks forward to the day of language without measure when she can communicate by a glimpse of the soul.

[November 1816]. "The poor little heart." To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:65.

Rebecca has received absolution and looks forward to Extreme Unction the next day. On the following day she would receive Holy Communion if she would still be alive. She rejoiced in all of it and told her Mother she would come and comfort her.

[n.d.]. "If Francis was 20." To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:65a.

She thinks it is odd to use the masculine for an angel because, humanly speaking, it shows awkwardness or excess. However, Bruté is an angel at the altar, but not anywhere else.

[n.d.]. "Bless you." To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:66.

If she had the light and the grace of Bruté or Mr. Cooper, she would go about the world until she had baptized 1000, saving them from hell. She compares herself to a fiery horse she had in her youth which they broke by having him drag a heavy cart, and shortly thereafter he died. Bruté and Cooper, on the other hand, might waste away to some purpose and reach the glories of the Kingdom.

[1817]. "Went down the Chapel steps." To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:67.

She has pity for the Protestants who do not have a clear idea of the mercy and love of God.

December 26 and 31, 1816. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:68.

She is instructing a woman (Miss Marselles) who wants to come into the Church. She wishes Bruté could answer the woman's questions, for he would do it so much better than she. She wishes him a good new year.

[1816]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:69.

She is happy that Bruté has returned and promises him her prayers and those of her daughters. She adds that American parents do not like to hear about the faults of their children. Often the parents seem to agree with the teacher, but they excuse and soften the faults when speaking to the children.

[n.d.]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:70.

She calls sadness a grace and wishes she had had it for 40 years, because it makes her fearful of doing wrong and her list of offenses would be shorter. She thinks Sisters Betsy and Margaret are too easy on "this edge of mortal sin."

Annunciation [March 25], 1817. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:71.

On the anniversary of her first Communion she has rejoiced in her day of prayers, Mass, and hymns from the moment of her waking at 4 a.m.

April 21, 1818. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:72.

Sister Ellen Brady has died, but she cannot cry even for edification because she is happy thinking of Eternity.

August 1, 1817. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:73.

She is sad having seen a former seminarian (or priest) now with a wife and child. She weeps for the need of laborers for the vineyard. She hopes that Rose will go to New York. The Bishop has also asked for three Sisters to open an orphanage in Philadelphia. She calls the idea "excellent — the little mustard seed."

[August 1817]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:74.

The wealthy Miss Cochman wants to be a Sister, but she (Elizabeth) makes light of her request and suggests she wait for the return of the Pope. Several others are also seeking admission.

[August 18, 1817]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:75.

She has spent the day with Mrs. Walker, listening to her feelings about her family affairs. She (Elizabeth) can see plainly why so many souls are still in darkness and cannot see God or understand His love. We must pray that she accepts the Faith, in spite of obstacles to grace.

[1817 or 1818]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:76.

She claims that Bruté is a mystery to her, for when she does get to see him, he is either focused on one subject or he is hurt that he has not been consulted. He should not worry that Reverend Dubois does not go to the Sisters for every little incident. She gets him there for essential matters. She wishes he could feel the union of Betsy and Margaret and herself in the management of the Community.

[June 4, 1817]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:77.

She asks him to send the letters on to Mr. Cooper or if he is gone, to Père Grassy.

Visitation [n.d.]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:78.

She thinks of her death which seems so simple, and leaves everything to God.

Sunday [n.d.]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:79.

Reflects on her impending death. If all goes well for her, what she will not do for Bruté? She gives God praise and gratitude for all and takes the lesson of the "*grace of the moment.*"

About Bruté's letter to Mary Post [n.d.]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:80.

She tells Bruté she thinks it useless to try to convert her sister, Mary Post. Having gone through conversation herself, and knowing the superficial religion of her sister, she knows Mary would choose a church based on external features. She marvels that she alone of all her family was chosen and they were left.

[n.d.]. "Eternity." To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:80a.

The thought of eternity sounds in her heart continually.

January 12, [1818?]. "Death of [Deddrick Custermann]." To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:80b.

Poor Dedde died a holy death with holy water, crucifix, and repetition of Jesus, Mary, Joseph. [Bruté's note: Dedderick Custermann, the Gardener died January 12, 1818?]

[1816]. To Reverend Simon Gabriel Bruté. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:81.

Talks about Filicchi's death. Is sending him some papers written to Pierre Babade. She is looking for strong graces since Rebecca was to answer all from heaven.

Prayer

[n.d.]. Prayer to Queen of the Apostles. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:106.

She prays for the care and protection of their "most dear Father." She asks for an apostolic spirit and eternal salvation for him in the name of herself and the children of Saint Joseph.

[n.d.]. "Cannot Catch the Thought." ASJPH 1-3-3-12:106a.

A brief reflection.

[n.d.]. "The Daughter of Charity" Prayer. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:131.

She asks to abide a little longer to carry out their active duties and to fulfill their special vocation.

**Letters from Elizabeth Seton to Ellen Wiseman
(a Pupil in 1811 & 1812)**

[October 1818]. To Ellen Wiseman. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:B1.

Her son William has been with her but has now returned to his ship. Her health is uncertain but the pain in her breast is constant.

[1818]. To Ellen Wiseman. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:B2.

She wishes Ellen could come for a visit to her "poor Mountain Mother."

[1816]. To Ellen Wiseman. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:B3.

She has not had the time to write since she is tending Bec, but she would still like her to come. She reminds Ellen to keep eternity in sight always.

August 12, 1813. To Ellen Wiseman. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:B4.

She hears that Ellen is coming to Baltimore to visit her mother, so she has hopes for a visit to Saint Joseph's. They will be so happy and Kitty will join her.

October 14, [1815]. To Ellen Wiseman. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:B5.

She sends her a bundle of letters that Bec has received, asking her to return them for Bec's consolation. She will ask Saint Teresa on her feast the next day to send Ellen a heart of love — not a love of

suffering, yet, but she (Elizabeth) must have that. She reminds Ellen that even while enjoying good times with friends, she should keep all intentions with the Lord.

Monday night, November 27, 1815. To Ellen Wiseman. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:B6.

She weeps for Rebecca who grows weaker and for the Archbishop (Carroll) who is ill. She requests Ellen to send a copy of Anina's last days since the copy at Saint Joseph's was lent out. She hopes Ellen received her letter advising her to drop a certain acquaintance whose friends were unacceptable.

[1816]. To Ellen Wiseman. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:B7.

She is grateful to Ellen for giving cheer to her and to Kit through the winter. She encourages Ellen to try to get over her difficulties in approaching the sacraments.

June 29, 1820. To Ellen Wiseman. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:B8.

She begs Ellen to keep near to God, wake up her faith, and do not delay to use the "only means" to do so. She is so serious about these points only because Ellen is so dear to her.

Easter, April 6, 1817. To Ellen Wiseman. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:B9.

They have had first Communion, and it brought back memories of Ellen in the group of former days. She hears about the goodness of Ellen's brother at the Mountain. She asked to be remembered to several former pupils.

[1818]. To Ellen Wiseman. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:B10.

Both Mr. Cheverus and Commodore Bainbridge have been very kind to William. She is grateful for the kindness shown to Kitty by Ellen's family.

[September 1818]. To Ellen Wiseman. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:B11.

She is sorry that she has not written, but it was not intentional. She tells about William's dream of his Mother standing by, asking him if he was prepared. Then he awoke to find water everywhere and a gale raging. They have received urns for their three churches from Richard who is doing well.

February 20, 1818. To Ellen Wiseman. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:B12.

William has gone back to sea after their visit, during which she was gratified at his conduct and manner, a model for those even in the sanctuary.

1818. To Ellen Wiseman. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:B13.

She will permit Josephine to visit Ellen after William has gone. She wishes she could know if Richard has gone to confession or not. She advises Ellen to speak to the priest about her fears in confession, so that she will not be held back from the means of drawing nearer to the Lord.

August 20, 1818. To Ellen Wiseman. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:B14.

She realizes Ellen's uneasiness for her but that should not be, since she has reached the fulfillment of God's design — able to take care of Bec until death; bringing up Catherine; her boys settled into their chosen careers; and Saint Joseph's House well established. Pray for her (Elizabeth) peace with God whenever called.

May 1819. To Ellen Wiseman. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:B15.

She prays for Ellen who must face trials, circumstances, and temptations of all kinds. The school is doing well even though Sister Margaret will be going to New York. She herself is well enough for whatever she must do.

[1819]. To Ellen Wiseman. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:B16.

She has been quite well, but Kit is ailing. William writes that there is typhus on his ship; Richard seems to be much loved.

July 25, 1820. To Ellen Wiseman. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:B17.

Joseph appeared to be well when last she saw him. Kit will return soon and she (Elizabeth) looks forward to Ellen's coming in January.

Saint Augustine's 1820. [August 28]. To Ellen Wiseman. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:B18.

She is happy Sisters Betsy and Martha will be seen by Ellen. Kit is home so they look ahead to a visit from William.

1816. Journal of Rebecca's Illness and Death. ASJPH 1-3-3-12:B20.

Started on May 8, 1816, and continued until Rebecca's death on November 3, 1816, Elizabeth Seton recorded her daughter's long period of pain and suffering leading to her death. She also recounts the beauty of Rebecca's soul and her final prayers and hope for a happy death.

Letter from Elizabeth Seton to William Magee Seton

July 16, 1799. To William Magee Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-18:2.

Elizabeth reports on her days at Craigdon visiting with the Sadlers and attending to Mr. Olive, who is sick. She believes he is at Dover. She hopes he has a nice visit and looks forward to his return. She has not heard from Julia Scott. She reports on the children and other family members.

Letter from Elizabeth Seton to Cecilia Seton

October 7, 1805. To Cecilia Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-18:3.

She fondly recalls the time they spent together this morning. She then reflects at length on life, eternity, and prayer. She says we must pray a prayer of the heart without ceasing, being in constant communication with God. In disappointment let your heart fly direct to God. She expresses the tenderest love for Cecilia.

Letter from Elizabeth Seton to Mr. Elder

June 18, 1812. To Mr. Elder. ASJPH 1-3-3-18:4.

Receipt for board and tuition for his daughter at Saint Joseph.

Letter from Elizabeth Seton to Robert Harper

March 17, 1812. To Robert Harper. ASJPH 1-3-3-18:5.

She thanks him for his generosity in his proposal to assist them and reports on how well his daughter, who is a pupil, is doing.

Letter from Elizabeth Seton to Mr. Stigers

April 16, 1811. To Mr. Stigers. ASJPH 1-3-3-18:6.

Receipt for his daughter's board and tuition.

Letter from Elizabeth Seton to her Son, William Seton

May 27, 1820. To William Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-18:7.

She has no way of knowing if he has received her two previous letters. Kit has been traveling around enjoying social life. Word from Richard is scarce. These separations are very hard on her. She hopes he may return to be with them next winter. She misses him.

Letters from Elizabeth Seton to Rebecca Seton, her Sister-in-Law

March 5, 1804. To Rebecca Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-18:42 [Seton-Jevons #286-289].

Elizabeth writes from Leghorn telling of their preparations to leave for home being frustrated by bad weather and Anna's illness. The Filicchi's have been very good to them in their hardship. Antonio

Filicchi will accompany them when they return. She looks forward to being back with her children.

January 3, 1804. To Rebecca Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-18:43 [Seton-Jevons #37-40].

William has died. She describes their experiences on the passage over to Italy, their experiences in the Lazaretto, and William's deterioration. He longed for death. After his death, experiences of preparing the body for burial and the journey to Leghorn presented problems. The Filicchi family helped her then and while she awaited passage home. They tried to convert her and found her willing to listen. She hoped to be home by Ash Wednesday.

January 6, 1804. To Rebecca Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-18:44 [Seton-Jevons #41-44].

She thinks she will be home nearer the 20th than on Ash Wednesday. The people in Italy have been very kind. Carlton, too, helped as much as he could. On the voyage she had many hardships, like Anna's catching whooping cough from the captain's children. She has learned many hard lessons in the past three months.

Letters from Elizabeth Seton to Catherine Seton, Her Daughter

April, 1820. To Catherine Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-18:45 [Seton-Jevons #68-70].

She is about the day-to-day happenings at Saint Joseph's, mentioning several of the Sisters by name. Everything is pleasant and serene, but her job must be in the soul.

May 5, 1818. To Catherine Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-18:46 [Seton-Jevons #96-99].

She wants Catherine to come to stay with her at least for the summer. It will be quite a change for Catherine, but her presence at Emmitsburg now will stand her in good stead with Emmitsburg friends when her mother is gone. William may have gone to the Mediterranean.

Letters from Elizabeth Seton to William Seton, Her Son

June 7, 1818. To William Seton. ASHPH 1-3-3-18:47 [Seton-Jevons #476-477].

She did nothing to encourage his desire to go into the service, but now that he is in it she hopes for his advancement. Her nephew brought her \$83 from Mr. Charlton's estate, the total of which she is sending to him. She might have had several hundred more but could not find the original customs house bill among her Seton papers.

July 1, 1818. To William Seton. ASJPH 1-3-3-18:48 [Seton-Jevons #115-118].

The news he was hoping for from Mr. Brent has not come. She gives him news of various people and events at home. She knows of his desire to set sail. Kit is taken with the Seton's. The Sulpicians of Baltimore solicited Mr. Dubois to close the seminary, but the people of Emmitsburg offered to buy it for him if he would not leave them. The Archbishop directed all to be left as it was before.

Meditation, Translations and Copied Material

"First Communion and Six Letters of a Father to His Daughter." 1-3-3-20C.

"Meditations." 1-3-3-20D.

"Retreat Meditations (probably retreat of July, 1813)." 1-3-3-20E.

"From Book of Instruction for a Daughter of Charity." 1-3-3-21B.

"Brief Life of Mary Adelaïd of the Visitation." 1-3-3-21C.

"Saint Camillis de Lellis." 1-3-3-21D.

"Saint Jerome Emelian." 1-3-3-21E.

"Mother's Old Protestant Devotions." "Extracts from Contemplations on the Sacred History." 1-3-3-22A.

"Mother's Old Protestant Devotions." "Extracts from A Commentary on the Book of Psalms." 1-3-3-22B.

"On the Presence of God, Desire of Death, and Communion of the Cross." 1-3-3-23B(1).

"Means for Making Retreat Well." 1-3-3-23B(2).

"Translation of the Life of Saint Louise de Marillac." 1-3-3-24:A.

"Life of Sister Bonny." 1-3-3-24:B.

"Catherine's Little Red Book — Josephine's Mother's Advices." 1-3-3-25:B.

"E.A. Seton, Annina Seton, and Bruté." 1-3-3-26:A.

"Dear Remembrances." 1-3-3-26:B.

"E.A. Seton, Annina Seton, and Rebecca Seton." 1-3-3-26:c.

"Translation from Letters of Marie of the Incarnation." 1-3-3-27C.

Documents from the Seton-Jevons Collection (No archival number designated)

Letter from Mother Seton to Her Sister-in-law Rebecca Seton

July 24, 1801. To Her Sister-in-Law Rebecca Seton. Seton-Jevons #31-34.

Du  has just left after a nice visit. She cautions Rebecca not to leave home on Sacrament Sunday as a rule. John Wilkes reports that Rebecca is very cross since her return from Staten Island. Think of Du  who is not allowed to wear a cross.

March 4, 1805. To Her Sister-in-Law Rebecca Seton. Seton-Jevons #286-289.

They were already aboard the "Shepherdess," but a storm prevented their departure. Before they could sail, Anna became very sick,

scarlatina, and they were forced to return to the Filicchis' where they awaited passage on the "Pyamingo." She dwells on the mercy of God and His support through all her afflictions.

Letters from Mother Seton to Her Son William Seton

[1806]. To Her Son William Seton. Seton-Jevons #145-146.

She has not heard from him for six months, so she imagines all sorts of hardships he could be enduring. Her own letters to him have been sent various ways, hoping some will get through. Richard is home, thinking of giving up the merchant life, she thinks.

[n.d.]. To Her Son William Seton. Seton-Jevons #350.

She begs William to be faithful to God.

[December 30 or 31, 1816]. To William Seton. Seton-Jevons #425-427.

He is in her thought and prayers. She was hoping for a letter when the postman came today. All is well. Please write about yourself and the Filicchis. Kit is well and amiable. No news from Richard but his situation is uncertain.